

A.J. Patton response to DEI request for comments

To whom it may concern,

1) The program needs to actively contact and build relationships with businesses and programs in the community. In order to make the true intended impact we must contact the businesses early and engage them on what is coming out. That way the businesses can prepare the labor force and strategize how there MBE & WBE firms can take advantage of opportunities.

2) There MUST be incentives for inclusivity of MBE contractors to help pricing and streamlining access. It must be a mandatory access point.

11) There should be outreach of guidelines, events, webinars, and classes for engagement of all interested parties.

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